

Tulare County Hospital & Institution Committee Minutes
January 23, 2021, 10:00 am, Zoom Meeting

Opening: Boo M. opened the meeting at 10:04 am with a moment of silence in gratitude for service and the confined alcoholic who still suffers, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Statement of Purpose: Tommy S. read the H&I Statement of Purpose.

Twelve Traditions: Rae Ann B. read the A.A. Twelve Traditions.

Introductions/Sign In: Introductions were made of first-time attendees and out of town members. Roxanne H. introduced herself first time in attending H&I meeting. In Attendance:

Joyce R.	Boo M.	Rae Ann B.	Jolene E.
Tommy S.	Ralph D.	Roxanne H.	Bill H.
Patrick S.	Sean A.	Christy S.	Claudia Q.
Alice S.	Gary B.	Fred F.	

Anniversaries/Pass the Basket: Anniversaries: Christy S. 18 mos. 1/7; Sean A. 1-year 1/19; Fred F. 26-years 1/24. 7th Tradition contributions will be accepted via Venmo or check to Gary B.

Approval of Minutes: Boo asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 28, 2020 minutes and none were presented. Upon motion being duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Recording Secretary Position: This position requires 6 months of sobriety and is a 1-year position. All present were given the opportunity to make themselves available for this position. Christy S. stated available for the position but would like more information before accepting. Tabled until 3/27/21 meeting

Virtual Basket Update: H&I is now using Venmo (Stephanie-Morris-178). All funds contributed will be given to Gary B. to add to the treasury.

New Business:

Zoom Etiquette: Boo M. reminded all that while the current H&I panels are using zoom, we are to act in the same manner as if we walked into the facility. All policies and procedures are to be maintained at all time.

Steering Committee: - Joyce R. reported that at the 1/9/21 Steering Committee, it was requested that all Areas please submit reimbursement for zoom fees and last year's rent, storage and printing costs.

- IVSS program is continuing during Covid
- Presentations for IVSS structure are being given internationally.
- Soledad Prison is working on the possibility of using zoom to conduct meetings with the inmates.
- Requested input on requesting NorCal provide more transparency on the prudent reserve by following the policies and adjust as outlined.

- General Committee meeting is 2/14/21 11:00 am via zoom. Information will be e-mailed prior to the meeting.

Zoom Account: Bill H. mentioned that zoom is offering a discount if an annual subscription is purchased. Alice S. advised that this had been done.

Rent: Gary B. reported that currently we have a total of \$182.56 in our treasury and that going forward, we will be paying \$15.00 per meeting rent to the Alano Club.

Reports:

Area Chair: Boo M. thanked all for the opportunity to be in service. Orientations are continuing monthly with three new people going through orientation. Facility Coordinators, please continue to offer literature to the facilities you serve. Please continue to share at meeting you attend the date and time of our meetings and orientations to encourage more volunteers.

Regional Chair: Provided in New Business

Treasurer: Provided in New Business.

Literature: Tommy S. reported that literature is well stocked, and all requests are filled in a timely manner.

Tulare County Jail Women's & Men's: Boo M. reported that the jail remains closed to volunteers, and we have had no communication with staff.

Turning Point: Joyce R. reported that meetings are continuing monthly at Turning Point on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. We generally have 4 to 5 volunteers on the panel with 10 or more residents who participate in the meeting. Literature has been delivered as requested. Clayton N. has been facilitating this meeting but was unable to attend today.

Pine Recovery: Tommy S. reported that all is going well at Pine Recovery on the 1st Saturday of each month from 2:00 to 3:00 pm via zoom, with active participation from the residents and a panel of 4 volunteers. Boo M reported that her panel consists of 4 to 5 volunteers and active participation from the residents via zoom in the same time slot. Literature is delivered upon request.

Women's Recovery Homes: Alice S. reported that Zoom Panel Meetings are continuing every other Thursday from 7:00 to 8 pm at Mothering Heights Recovery Home. Panel consists of 5 to 6 women, with various lengths of sobriety. Volunteer participation is rotated with 21 women. The meeting is started with a volunteer lead share of 10 minutes then other panel volunteers sharing their experience, strength and hope. The last 15 to 20 minutes are open for questions or sharing from the recovery home. Alice stays in contact with Tracie the Recovery Home Supervisor after each meeting and the feedback is very positive. Literature continues to be picked up from Tommy and delivered upon requested. Alice now has a stamp and ensures all literature is stamped. The December 17, 2020 meeting had to be canceled due to Covid quarantine of women and children but resumed in the ensuing weeks.

Mental Health: Boo M. reported that she continues to stay in contact with the facility and they feel that Zoom is not an option. They are following the State Guidelines and are not expected to open anytime soon. Literature continues to be offered.

Corcoran Prison & Avenal Prison: Bill H. reported that he and Monte continue to stay in contact with the staff, no volunteers are allowed into the prison. The SATF Warden retired and it is unknown if the position has been filled. Bill and Monte continue to attempt to get literature into the prisons but have met with some challenges. Bill H. stated that Karen C. has contacted him to see if there is interest in the IVSS Program at Corcoran. This program matches inmates with cleared visiting members who meet monthly and work the steps with the inmate. If there is interest in participating in this program, please contact Bill. Be aware that if you are currently cleared at Corcoran to take H&I panel meetings inside, you cannot participate in IVSS. The two remain separate.

CSR Liaison: Boo M. attended the Central Office Meeting and provided a report of H&I Activities. Jonathan T. gave a report on Bridging-The Gap as he has been in contact with Jason C. and is attempting to get this committee active in our area. Central Office remains open and is taking calls as they come in and the after-hours calls are handled by volunteers. Central Office continues to need contributions to meet expenses. Please consider donating to Grateful Givers.

GSR Liaison: Ralph D. reported that District 47 continues to meet the first Wednesday of the month via Zoom. There was no notable news from the DCM. The treasurer paid the rent of \$400.00 to Central Office and an additional \$600.00 contribution. \$200.00 was sent to AAWS maintaining the increased prudent reserve of \$2,400.00. The chair from the Accessibilities Committee joined the meeting and gave a presentation on how to get rides to meetings for those with mobility issues from Uber. CNIA Area 07 held their meeting on 1/16/21 and discussed the CNIA inventory survey submitted in November which showed that CNIA is doing a good job in supporting all areas of communication. The General Assembly topics should be out sometime in mid-February. The CNIA meeting dates are published on their website and are held on zoom. GSO New York remains closed but calls are being answered and literature sent out. Consider donating a Grapevine or LaVina subscription if you can to the "Carry the Message Project". Subscriptions are down approximately \$500,000 from pre-Covid times. Grapevine & LaVina do not accept donations only subscriptions. Contributions to GSO can be made on-line, please consider birthday donations. There is a meeting app which has over 170,000 meetings listed with over 500,000 visits monthly.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the H&I Responsibility Statement at 11:30 a.m. The next orientations will be 2/27/21 & 3/27/21 9:00 a.m. and the next business meeting will be 3/27/21 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

In love and service,

Joyce R.